

it is understood. Preferable for Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Israel learn details privately, presumably from US Missions in area.

2. Joint use of Jordan waters requires a territorial settlement of demilitarized zone. ISMAC talks since October 1952 have not resulted settlement this chronic source of tension. Shishakli informed Ambassador Moose 1953 definitive agreement re Jordan waters must await permanent settlement. GOS might agree, however, discuss proposed plan if it first made clear in private discussions that territorial arrangements also included; as for example, extension Syrian sovereignty to middle Jordan River and Lakes Huleh and Tiberias. Joint use would then be paralleled by joint control.

3. Jordan-Yarmuk project will please neither Israelis or Arabs. Both likely be more tractable if evident USG intends enforce plan. Otherwise, present unsatisfactory course of encouraging bilateral negotiations should be continued.

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125. Deptel 102.<sup>2</sup> This telegram is in reply to Deptel 102. Comment on Deptel 123,<sup>3</sup> just received, will be forthcoming.

Embassy will naturally defer detailed comment on desk study report until it is received. Embassy understands completed report has been in area for past several weeks and early copy would be appreciated. It wishes tentatively to record that it has certain reservations re statements in paragraphs one and two of reference telegram.

Re paragraph four reference telegram Embassy considers Department's presentation of picture is misleading, at least insofar as Amman's position is concerned, and therefore wishes to clarify its attitude. It has been strongly in favor of Yarmuk-Jordan Valley project as means early settlement large number Arab refugees and Maqarin high dam as essential aspect of scheme. Embassy, however, unable to accept rest of Department's reasoning in section 4 (a) until given full opportunity study TVA report because all of its previous information has indicated somewhat contrary views as to

<sup>1</sup> Repeated to London, Damascus, Tel Aviv, Cairo, Baghdad, Beirut, and Jidda.

<sup>2</sup> Printed as telegram 316 to Beirut, Document 656.

<sup>3</sup> Printed as telegram 207 to Tel Aviv, Document 664.